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Filed: September 11, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 4504  
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For: USE OF IL-12 AND IL-12 )  
ANTAGONISTS IN THE )  
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE )  
DISEASES )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 5.

**Attachments** include seven references discussed herein: